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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews (SDRR), Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the Advisory Board), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting for the aforementioned subcommittee:

TIME AND DATE:

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, November 27, 2012.

PLACE: Cincinnati Airport Marriott, 2395 Progress Drive, Hebron, Kentucky 41018. Telephone (859)334-4611, Fax (859)334-4619.

STATUS: Open to the public, but without an oral public comment period. To access by conference call dial the following information 1(866)659-0537, Participant Pass Code 9933701.

BACKGROUND: The Advisory Board was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines that have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule; advice on methods of dose reconstruction, which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule; advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program; and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC).

In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued

on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and will expire on August 3, 2013.

PURPOSE: The Advisory Board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class. The Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews was established to aid the Advisory Board in carrying out its duty to advise the Secretary, HHS, on dose reconstruction.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: The agenda for the Subcommittee meeting includes: reconsidering the Board's dose reconstruction case review process; dose reconstruction program quality management and assurance activities, including: current findings from NIOSH internal dose reconstruction blind reviews, presentation of the test plan for validating dose reconstruction

tools, presentation of the evolution of peer-review procedures, presentation of statistics summarizing errors detected and/or corrected through current peer-review procedures; and discussion of dose reconstruction cases under review (sets 8-9, Rocky Flats Plant cases from sets 10-13, and two blind dose reconstruction cases).

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

In the event an individual cannot attend, written comments may be submitted. Any written comments received will be provided at the meeting and should be submitted to the contact person below well in advance of the meeting.

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